

IN THE CLAIMS:

1.-2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) A token purchasing device, comprising:

a banknote accepting unit for accepting banknotes and outputting a banknote

value signal based on the denomination of the accepted banknote;

a clock unit for outputting the current time information;

5 a pseudorandom number generator for indicating a predetermined range of times from a start time to an end time;

a control unit for receiving the banknote value signal from the banknote accepting unit and the current time information from the clock unit, the control unit storing a predetermined range of times from a start time to an end time, the control unit computing and 10 outputting a token dispensing signal corresponding to a predetermined quantity of tokens, the predetermined quantity of tokens being a first quantity of tokens when the current time is within the predetermined range of times, the predetermined quantity of tokens being a second quantity of tokens when the current time is not within the predetermined range of times, the first quantity of tokens being greater than the second quantity of tokens; and

15 a token dispensing unit for dispensing the predetermined quantity of tokens based on the token dispensing signal from the control unit,

wherein the token dispensing signal is automatically changed based on the current time information from the clock unit.

4. (Original) The token purchasing device of Claim 3,

wherein the clock unit includes current date information and current hour information, and

5 wherein the control unit stores a predetermined day information and predetermined hour information, the token dispensing signal being automatically changed based on the current day and current hour information.

5. (Original) The token purchasing device of Claim 3, further comprising:

a display unit for displaying the current purchasing mode and user selections, the display unit receiving signals from the control unit; and

5 a touch screen unit for receiving a command from a user, the command from the user indicating the quantity of tokens purchased in the current purchasing mode, the touch screen unit outputting the command from the user to the control unit.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) The token purchasing device of Claim 3, further comprising:

5 a speaker connected to the control unit, the speaker for emitting an audible announcement, the audible announcement being an indication of the availability of a special purchasing mode,

wherein a user can purchase a greater quantity of tokens for a predetermined banknote value during the special purchasing mode than during a time period when the special purchasing mode is inoperative.

8. (Original) The token purchasing device of Claim 3, further comprising:
 - a coin dispensing unit for dispensing coins,
 - wherein the coin dispenser can dispense a predetermined quantity of coins with a value corresponding to the difference between the value of the banknote accepted and the value of the quantity of tokens dispensed.
9. (Original) The token purchasing device of Claim 3, further comprising:
 - a smart card accepting unit for accepting a smart card, the smart card conveying a predetermined value, the smart card accepting unit reading the value from the smart card and outputting a smart card value signal,
 - wherein the control unit receives the smart card value signal from the smart card accepting unit, the control unit computing a token dispensing signal corresponding to a predetermined quantity of tokens.
10. (Original) The token purchasing device of Claim 5,
 - wherein the touch screen unit is in a plane parallel to and overlapping a predetermined portion of the display unit.
11. (Original) The token purchasing device of Claim 5,
 - wherein the display unit is a liquid crystal display, a cathode ray tube, a fluorescent character display tube, or a plasma display panel.
- 12.-19. (Cancelled)